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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Ronald J. Nienhuis  
Serial No.: 09/735,203  
Filed: December 12, 2000  
For: Method for Redirecting a Network Communication  
Art Unit: 2141  
Examiner: Adnan M. Mirza

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-captioned application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 10, 2005.

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Attorney

Signature

March 10, 2005

Date of Signature

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 099998.000069.

The application went abandoned because Applicant did not receive the Office Action mailed on June 25, 2004. (Exhibit A). The Office Action was returned to the U.S.P.T.O. on July 7, 2004 as evidenced by the date stamp on the first page. A Notice of Abandonment has not been received, however, the six-month statutory period for responding to the Office Action was December 25, 2004. Applicant notes that on or about May 25, 2004, a change of address spreadsheet was filed with the U.S.P.T.O. listing the new correspondence address as 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036. (Exhibit B). The address on the Office action, mailed a month later, was 711 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017. A copy of the Office Action was obtained from public Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) after the date of abandonment of this application.

As required by MPEP §711.03(c), Applicant's representative attests to the fact that the Office communication dated June 25, 2004 was not received as demonstrated by a search of the file jacket and docket records. A declaration by the Applicant's representative is filed herewith.

Applicant respectfully submit that the U.S.P.T.O. erred in using the incorrect correspondence address after Applicant timely filed a change of address form. The new correspondence address on the change of address form should have been used instead of the previously listed address.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment in this patent application be withdrawn for the reasons set forth above. No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any fee is due, the amount of such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 099998.000069.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter et al (U.S. 5,987,506) and Voit (U.S. 6,205,139).

As per claim 1 Carter disclosed in a data communication system of the type wherein a first information-processing device communicates with a second information-processing device, the improvement comprising including additional data in a request from said first information-processing device to said second information-processing device wherein, in accordance with said additional data (col. 4, lines 16-37),

However Carter did not disclose in detail said second information-processing device effects communication between said first information-processing device and one of a plurality of third information-processing devices.

In the same field of endeavor Voit disclosed to allow data communication of HLR data registered in the ISCPs 240, 250, to visitor location registers in remote MCs, the network further includes a hub STP 253. The hub which currently carries IS-41 data messaged between existing MCs outside the PCS service area.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated to allow data communication of HLR data registered in the ISCPs 240, 250, to visitor location registers in remote MCs, the network further includes a hub STP 253. The hub which currently carries IS-41 data messaged between existing MCs outside the PCS service area. as taught by Voit in the method of Carter to avoid remote accessing complications and improve the communication among the users in a network.

3. As per claim 2 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein said additional data indicates a geographic location of said first information -processing device (Voit, col. 16, lines 39-46).

4. As per claim 3 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein said additional data does not exceed one byte in length (Carter, col. 10, lines 51-62).

5. As per claim 4 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein communication between said first information processing device, said second information-processing device, and said plurality of third information-processing devices is performed over the internet (col. 4, lines 16-37).

6. As per claim 5 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein communication between said first information-processing device, said information-processing device, and said second information-processing device, and said plurality of third information-processing devices is performed using TCP/IP format (Voit, col. 26, lines 31-44).

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7. As per claim 6 Carter-Voit disclosed wherein said second information-processing device includes a database which includes addresses of each of said plurality of third information-processing devices corresponding to said additional data (Carter, col. 6, lines 23-36).

### ***Conclusion***

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

9. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on (703)-305-4003. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

10. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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(703)-746-7239 (For Official Communications Intended for entry, please mark "EXPEDITED PROCEDURE"),

(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).

11. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

Any response to a final action should be mailed to:

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Hand-delivered responses should be brought to 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Receptionist, Crystal Park II,  
2021 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

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Adnan Mirza

Examiner

  
RUPAL DHARIA  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

<b>Notice of References Cited</b>	Application/Control No. 09/735,203	Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination NIENHUIS, RONALD J.	
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**DECLARATION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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SIR:

Ronald E. Brown does declare as follows:

1. That I am a member of the bar of the state of New York and counsel with the firm of Pitney Hardin LLP, (formerly Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch, LLP hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Pitney firm").
2. That I am registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office.
3. That I have been informed that an Office Action mailed June 25, 2004 for the above-identified application was never received.

4. That I obtained a copy of the Office Action from public Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) after the date of abandonment of this application.
5. That said copy obtained indicated that the communication had been addressed to “Gerald Levy, Esq., Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch LLP, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017-4059”.
6. That said copy of the Office Action was returned to the U.S.P.T.O. on or about July 7, 2004, as evidenced by a July 7, 2004 date stamp.
7. That a change of address form was filed with the U.S.P.T.O on or about May 25, 2004 changing the correspondence address to 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036.
8. That said copy of the Office Action was mailed on June 25, 2004, a month after the change of address form was filed, to 711 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, the previously listed correspondence address.
9. That I am familiar with the docketing procedures of the Pitney firm with respect to correspondence from the Patent and Trademark Office, which includes the entry of all such correspondence into the docketing software upon receipt from the Patent and Trademark Office prior to any other substantive action with respect to the correspondence.

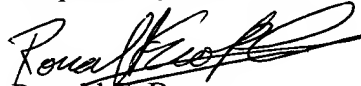


10. That the docketing software does not indicate that any Office Action dated June 25, 2004, or any other date, was received for the above-identified application by the Pitney firm.

11. That attached hereto are true copies of the docket entries both for this application and for all Patent Office due dates for the Pitney firm on September 25, 2004 (with some information redacted to preserve client confidentiality).

12. That I have searched the file jacket and docket records of the Pitney firm for the above application and have found no indication that the Office Action mailed June 25, 2004 was ever received by the Pitney firm (other than by PAIR after the date of abandonment). It is respectfully submitted that the description of the Technology Center date stamp on the Office Action, as described in numbered paragraph 6 above, is highly persuasive evidence that the Office Action originally mailed on or about June 25, 2004 to the 711 Third Avenue address was thereafter returned by the Post Office to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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